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SUBJECT: UNESCO: APRIL 4 INFORMATION GROUP MEETING

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1. TWO AND A HALF HOUR IG MEETING CHAIRED BY JAPAN'S
PERM REP, MINISTER HIRAKAWA, CENTERED ON DISCUSSION
UNESCO STUDY ON PROCEDURES CONCERNING EXAMINATION OF
HUMAN RIGHTS COMPLAINTS. MEMBERS CLEARLY REGARD THIS AS
MOST IMPORTANT ITEM ON 102 EXBD AGENDA(REFTEL B,
PARA 8).

2. DR. VASAK, DIRECTOR, UNESCO DIVISION ON HUMAN RIGHTS
AND PEACE, BRIEFED MEMBERS ON MAJOR COMPONENTS OF HUMAN
RIGHTS STUDY WHICH US DEL HAS PARTLY COVERED IN ITS
REPORTING CABLES. DURING QUESTION PERIOD WHICH FOLLOWED,
PERM DEL NOTED LIMITED TIME DELEGATIONS WILL HAVE FOR
THOROUGH STUDY OF ANTICIPATED 141-PAGE DOCUMENT,
AND ASKED VASAK WHY PLENARY DISCUSSION, WHICH NOW
SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 26 AND 27, SHOULD NOT BE POSTPONED
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UNTIL MIDDLE OF EXBD, ABOUT MAY 4 AND 5. IG MEMBERS
FULLY SUPPORTED THIS SUGGESTION. UK PERM REP AGREED TO
NOTIFY IMMEDIATELY EXBD CHAIRMAN MARTIN (DUE TO ARRIVE
PARIS ON APRIL 20) OF THIS REQUEST FOR RE-SCHEDULING
AGENDA, AND AMBASSADOR CARDUCCI (ITALY) SUGGESTED THAT
MEMBERS BEGIN NOW TO LINE UP SUPPORT FOR THIS CHANGE
AMONG OTHER EXBD MEMBERS.

3. US PERM DEL ALSO MENTIONED DURING DISCUSSION
THAT US CONSIDERING TAKING INITIATIVE DURING 102 EXBD
FOR PROPOSING MECHANISM TO HELP HANDLE POLITICAL
CONFRONTATION PERHAPS ALONG LINES PROPOSED FOR MANAGING
HUMAN RIGHTS COMPLAINTS. SUBJECT WAS INTRODUCED IN LOW
KEY FASHION WITHOUT GIVING ANY SUBSTANCE AND GENERATED
NO DISCUSSION.

4. HIRAKO ALSO REPORTED DISCUSSION WITH DG IN WHICH
M'BOW HAD SUGGESTED THAT IF GENERAL AGREEMENT COULD NOT
BE REACHED ON NEW PROCEDURES FOR HANDLING COMPLAINTS ON
HUMAN RIGHTS, THAT PRESENT DELIBERATIONS INCLUDING THOSE
OF PRESENTLY CONSTITUTED CARNEIRO COMMITTEE, MIGHT BE
SUSPENDED UNTIL SOLUTION IS FOUND BY A SUCCEEDING EXBD.
EARLIER IN MEETING, VASAK EXPRESSED OPINION, SUPPORTED
BY IG MEMBERS, THAT CARNEIRO COMMITTEE SHOULD CONTINUE
ITS WORK UNTIL NEW PROCEDURES ARE ADOPTED REPLACING IT.
AFTER VASAK DEPARTED MEETING, HIRAKO, STRONGLY
SUPPORTED BY CANADIAN AMBASSADOR BEAULNE, SUGGESTED THAT
QUESTION OF SUSPENDING DELIBERATIONS ON HUMAN RIGHTS
COMPLAINTS IS NOT RPT NOT DG'S PREROGATIVE AND SHOULD BE
MONITORED CAREFULLY SINCE SOVIETS MAY HAVE ADOPTED THIS
AS STRATEGY TO DOWN-PLAY HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUES AT UNESCO.
NORWEGIAN DEL SAID THAT IT SHOULD BE MADE CLEAR TO
SECRETARIAT THAT CARNEIRO COMMITTEE (TO WHICH NORWEGIAN
PERM DEL GARBO IS EXPECTED TO BE ELECTED AS CHAIRMAN)
SHOULD CONTINUE TO FUNCTION UNTIL REPLACED BY SOME OTHER
MECHANISM.
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5. QUESTION OF MOVE TO SUSPEND SOUTH AFRICA FROM IOC
WAS ALSO RAISED. MOST MEMBERS WERE UNITED IN OPPOSING
THIS MOVE. BELGIAN AMBASSADOR SAID THAT EXPULSION IS
ONE OF MOST IMPORTANT QUESTIONS BEFORE INTERNATIONAL
ORGANIZATIONS AND MUST BE FORCEFULLY OPPOSED.
REPRESENTATIVES OF US, JAPAN, NORWAY, UK, FRG, AND
NETHERLANDS VOLUNTEERED THAT THEY HAD BEEN INSTRUCTED TO
OPPOSE WHEN ISSUE COMES BEFORE IOC EXECUTIVE COUNCIL
MORNING APRIL 6. PRE VOTE TALLY HERE INDICATES THAT
MOTION FOR EXPULSION WILL NOT CARRY.

6. NEXT IG MEETING SET FOR APRIL 15 AND WE EXPECT
FURTHER MEETINGS BEFORE AND DURING EXBD.
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